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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: October 13, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0545 - Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3-Family Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District – Variances –704 North Gilmore Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0545 for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3-family dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 704 North Gilmore Street and granting variances from certain lot area size, off-street parking, and floor area ratio requirements.

If enacted, this bill would allow a vacant single-family structure in need of restoration in Harlem Park to be renovated into three dwelling units. The adaptive re-use of the property supports the reduction of blighted property in the neighborhood and provides an affordable housing alternative in Harlem Park.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0545.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

